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SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam Lieutenant Governor, members. I had a couple questions for Senator Schellpeper or Senator Jones, but I see both of them have left, so I think I can probably ask Senator Beutler one of them and get the answer.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHMITT: How many more people will this add to DEQ, Senator Beutler, do you know?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I can only honestly give you an estimate, and the estimate must have a range, because we don't know exactly what the numbers of operations or of operations that have not reported are and, that being the case, we cannot know exactly what the revenue will be that is generated, one, by the permit fee, or, two, by the inspection fee. As, I believe that as a minimum it would provide for seven or eight people, at a maximum it would provide for ten of eleven people. I think that's the range we're dealing with.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Okay, and this here would basically depend on the amount of revenue that's generated as to the amount of people that were there. I guess the second question I was going to ask of Senator Schellpeper, I don't know whether you want to address this or not, Senator Beutler, but if you do, with the permits raising the fee and us increasing the amount of people on staff with DEQ, I guess my question is, why these people don't have to have the permits in their hand rather than just apply for it before they start this construction, if we're going to put this many more people on staff to hurry up the process?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think what you're suggesting is a logical argument. And it goes, I suppose, to a matter of philosophy. And, as you well know, my philosophy is closer to yours, but the philosophy, on the one hand, as I attempted to explain earlier, is simply that a person ought to be allowed to take his chances, if he wants to start investing money, before he knows he has the permit that's required to ultimately run the operation. On the other hand, the philosophy would say we ought not to pressure DEQ by allowing them to build before they actually have the permit. And I don't know how you reconcile